



## CELL GUIDE

<b>TOPIC</b>	The End Time Church Part 3 : Be Overcomers	<b>SPEAKER</b>	Senior Pastor Daniel Foo
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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

With his previous 2 sermons on The End Time Church series, SP had gone through each of the 7 churches of Revelations 2 and 3. In each of the churches, there are 2 constant refrains – “He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says and “To him who overcomes” (Rev 2:7,11,17,26-28, 3:5,12,21). The Lord is looking for overcomers in these end times we are living in. In Part 3 of The End Time Church series, SP guides us through the 3 primary areas that today’s believers has to overcome (Rev 12:11).

## 3 PRIMARY AREAS TO OVERCOME

### I. HOW TO OVERCOME THE EVIL ONE?

1. Know our spiritual authority and power as believers (Luke 10:19, Mark 16:17).
2. Do not be ignorant of his schemes (2 Cor 2:11).  
The devil is unable to harm us physically, but operates in several obvious ways that we should seek to understand.  
*Example 1* – The issue of guilt and condemnation : When Jesus died for us, He took away every condemnation against us (Colossians 2). As believers, we can and should pursue a guilt-free, no condemnation relationship with God (Rom 8:1) with the blood of the Lamb (1 John 1:9)  
*Example 2* – The issue of fear : Fear is a demonic spirit which God has not given us (2 Tim 1:7) and comes to us when we are not abiding in Him (1 John 4:18).  
*Example 3* – The issue of lies and deception : we live in a world of grey areas and hence it is important to know the truth (John 8:32).
3. Do not give him a ground-foothold in your life  
The devil is not omniscient and devours us when we give him permission to (1 Peter 5:8) via the following :
  - A. Via Sins (Eph 4:26-27)
  - B. Via involvement in unclean things (idolatry, mixtures, objects, ungodly soul-ties) (2 Cor 6:17)
4. The evil one contends with the Christ in us.  
We can overcome the evil one by knowing and understanding the significance of the finished works of Christ on the cross (Rev 12:11).

### II. HOW TO OVERCOME THE WORLD?

There are 2 major areas in the world to overcome :

1. Trouble in the world (1 John 5:19)

There is trouble in the fallen world(Rom 3:23) - we can overcome by being rooted to the Word and connected to the Holy Spirit (1 John 5:4-5) and being very detailed and specific in our communication with God

(2 Chronicles 20 – Lessons from Jehoshaphat)

- A. Focus on the Lord more than the problem
- B. Guard the heart from hardening from disappointments
- C. Recall the faithfulness of God in our lives
- D. Acknowledge your weakness vis-à-vis the problem
- E. Magnify the Lord in thanksgiving, prayer and worship
- F. Act with the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit and godly counsel (James 1:5,3:17)
- G. Persevere by standing on the promises of God (Rom 8:28, Gen 50:20, Rom 15:13)

2. Love of the world

The devil will attempt to lure us with the things of the world(1 John 2:16) just like he did with Jesus (Luke 4:5-7).

- A. The lust of the eyes is what we see that leads to every imagination in our hearts and minds to crave for them. Receiving the Father's love is key to supply our needs and to overcome it.
- B. The lust of the flesh is what we actually experience in our lives from the lust of the eyes – receiving the Father's love is key to our satisfaction in life to overcome it.
- C. The price of life is all about our significance and self-esteem which we seek from human relationships, power connections etc.

The Spirit of the world contends with the Father's Love. We overcome the world by walking as sons of God, not orphans (Rom 8:14)

### III. HOW TO OVERCOME THE SELF-LIFE?

- 1. We need to understand spiritual life (Gal 2:20)
- 2. We need to learn how to live by the Spirit (Gal 5:17, Gal 5:16,18,25, Rom 8:5-6, Eph 4:22-24)

## CONCLUSION

In this life, we as believers will have troubles to overcome. As long as we know and stand on the finished works of Christ on the cross, walk as sons of God and be in the Spirit, we can overcome the evil one, the world and the flesh. (John 16:33)

# QUESTIONS

1. We are all susceptible to sin given our fallen nature. Has there been a time where you were wrecked with guilt and self-condemnation? What happened that caused you to feel that way and how did God help/guide you overcome that difficult time in your life?

2. Sometimes, the love of the world can creep up in our hearts without us realising it. The need to keep up by purchasing the latest and greatest, looking for validation in all the wrong places or allowing social media to influence our spending, activities, priorities etc . How can we overcome the lure of the world and be contented with what God has blessed us with?

3. With in-person church services being limited only until recently, some believers might have fallen away from the church community and as a result suffered in their spiritual walk with God. How can we encourage those around us who might have fallen, and how can we journey with them?